

Gas Strike May Darken Homes Of Brooklyn

All Employees Threaten to Join the Walkout of Fitters and Chauffeurs Already Under Way

Labor Unrest Grips City

Many Industrial Plants Are Tied Up by the Efforts of Men to Get More Pay

Thousands of Brooklyn homes may be without light and industrial plants using gas for power may be forced to suspend if the strike of gas fitters, helpers, journeymen, and drivers of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company, proclaimed yesterday, is extended to the gas makers of the company to-day. The committee in charge of the strike, which involves the leaders say, more than 1,000 employees of the company, met at strike headquarters, 123 Spring Place, yesterday afternoon and discussed the advisability of calling out the gas makers—the men actually engaged in the production of gas. A decision is likely to be reached by the end of the emergency strike, street and main service men and gas meter readers will also be called out to-day, according to Frank Kilborn, head of the strikers' committee. This, Kilborn said, will paralyze the service of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company and its subsidiaries in Brooklyn and Kings.

Demand 50 Per Cent Increase

The strike yesterday followed failure of the negotiation between representatives of the men and the company at its Flatbush branch on the wage demands presented by the employees. The latter are asking \$5 a for gas fitters, \$3 for journeymen, \$2 for drivers and \$1 for helpers. The figures would mark an increase of 30 per cent over the present wage scale. The strikers also demand that the so-called grading system be abolished and that all employees of the respective classes be put on an equal level and receive equal pay. The following statement was issued yesterday by Robert Russell, a member of the strike committee:

"We are to-day asking the men employed in the clerical positions and men employed in the gas meter reading street mains to join with us in our strike. From latest reports things in this direction look favorable. If this is brought about the entire gas system will be tied up. Through we would regret such a move, we realize it is the only way to show that our demands are vital to our existence."

Would Tie Up Suburbs

Packets were stationed all day yesterday at the Flatbush, Metropolitan, Newtown, Nassau, Williamsburg, Jamaica and East New York branches. Should the gas makers head the call of the strikers and walk out, the plants at Third Avenue and Deane Street, Nostrand Avenue and Clarkson Street, the plant in the rear of Luna Park, Coney Island, and that of the Kings County Gas Company, in New Utrecht Street, Bay Ridge, would be affected.

The Brooklyn Union Gas Company yesterday issued the following statement:

"The company feels it is very liberal in its treatment of its employees. The men are paid for eight hours' work. Overtime varies from one and one-half times to double time. The men receive a week's vacation, are paid for holidays and white sick, and are attended by the company's physician free of charge should the man be able to go to the doctor."

"The company also pays the first fourteen days to all injured employees, although the compensation act provides for no pay where disability does not extend over forty-nine days. While medical attendance is limited to sixty days under the act, the company gives unlimited medical services."

"The men who feel that if the demands presented by them were granted throughout the entire system, and with our revenue confined to only 80 cents we would soon be in financial difficulty."

Many Brooklyn Strikes

The strike of the gas company employees is but one of an epidemic of walkouts now under way in that borough. Brooklyn seems to be one of the most "troubled" cities in the country. Many plants are affected by the epidemic. The most important strike is that of the Julius Kayser Company employees, at De Kalb Avenue and Taaffe Avenue, where the workers have quit their places. The strikers assert that the company has not been giving sufficient work to its employees at the Sidway factory and demand more rigid enforcement of the seniority rule, giving older employees the preference in apportioning work. Union weavers at the plant refuse to supply cloth to non-union workers.

At the Dunlap hat factory the employees walked out, refusing to work for the new owners, the Knox Hat Company, on the ground that the new management sought the abolition of the union system in the plant. They also maintain that the management has discharged many male employees for female workers, a charge the latter are disputing. The strikers demand the employment of children for the same reason. The strikers at the Dunlap plant number about 300.

Wire Workers Are Out

More than 400 wire workers are out at the Waterbury wire factory, Myrtle Avenue and Taaffe Place. They demand more pay and the cutting of the present ten-hour day to eight hours. The plant is completely tied up. The management said yesterday that it was willing to discuss the question of hours with the employees, but that it cannot yield on the wage demand.

Strikes are under way at Ward's Battery, Pacific Street between Vanderbilt and Carlton avenues; the American Machine and Foundry Company, 552 Second Avenue; and Corn & Gold-mann's, 47 Fort Street.

Greenpoint Men Strike

More than fifty men are on strike at the Phoenix Tube Company, North First Street and Driggs Avenue, and a similar number are out at the plant of the Greenpoint Shoe Company, 289 Greenpoint Avenue. Between seventy and eighty men of the Greenpoint Metallic Bed Company, Greenpoint and Franklin Avenues, are on strike for more pay, shorter hours and better working conditions. At the Manhattan Briar Pipe Company, 425 Greenpoint Avenue, strikers said 500 men are out, but the company asserts not more than 100 have struck.

The Children's Shoe Workers Union, which is conducting the strike of employees at the Thompson shoe plant, 141 Wiloughby Avenue and 141 Wiloughby Street, where 1,000 boys walked out last Tuesday, announced yesterday that 200 more workers had joined the strike. There are about 150 employed at the plant, mostly boys between the ages of fourteen and sixteen. According to the union, the boys have been working fifty-four hours a week for \$6 to \$10. The boys demand a forty-four-hour week and 20 per cent increase in wages.

The City Star

TWO cats and a dog have come between two women partners in the real estate business and are responsible for a suit and a counter suit each for \$10,000. Mrs. Sarah E. Lodewick and Mrs. Esther J. Schultz have filed against each other in the Supreme Court.

In September, 1918, Mrs. Lodewick, in the real estate business for twenty-five years, had an offer of a lease on a house at 107 East Thirty-ninth Street. She was to receive a bonus of \$5,000 if she sold the house for the owner during the term of the lease. She took Mrs. Schultz as a partner in the project and leased the property. The Young Men's Christian Association offered to rent space in the house at \$5 a week for each of seventy-four cots. This offer was accepted, and seventy young women, who were overseas workers, were quartered in the house. Mrs. Lodewick complains in her suit against Mrs. Schultz that after they had possession of the house for four months the latter surrendered the lease to the owners of the property.

In her counter claim, Mrs. Schultz says that Mrs. Lodewick made her home in the Thirty-ninth Street house. She also brought with her two cats and a dog. The animals, according to Mrs. Schultz, proved themselves such a nuisance to the seventy young women that she requested her partner to remove the cats and dog from the premises, a thing which Mrs. Lodewick refused to do. Mrs. Schultz also says in her counter claim that Mrs. Lodewick charged the "Y" workers for storing their trunks and failed to engage proper help to carry on the work of the house.

WILLIAM TURNER

was arraigned before Magistrate Tobias in Jefferson Market yesterday charged with preaching at Eighth Avenue and Forty-first Street after 11 o'clock at night and keeping residents of that neighborhood awake. Sentence was suspended.

"I'm a God-fearing man myself," the magistrate said, "and I commend your mission, but working people must have a chance to sleep."

"Do not believe in speaking for

Air Mail Delivered for First Time to Steamship at Sea

Innovation Proved Success by Transfer to Adriatic—Plan To Be Utilized to Save Time by Sending Ship's Papers On After Vessel Sails

The first aerial mail delivery to a ship at sea was accomplished yesterday when an Aeromarine flying boat dropped a sack of European mail on the deck of the White Star liner Adriatic.

The feat was accomplished successfully in adverse weather conditions by means of an ingenious releasing device developed by the engineers of the Aeromarine Plane and Motor Company. The experiment was an official test undertaken at the request of the Postoffice Department, and may be put into general operation.

Shortly after the experiment, David Lindsay, of the White Star Line, announced that the steamship company would adopt the scheme also for delivery of ships' manifests after the ship has left port. In this manner, he said, the manifests could be saved to transatlantic liners. The liners will be able to take on cargo up to the last moment before sailing, and then receive the completed manifests by airplane delivery long before they have sailed.

Start Made From Eighty-sixth Street

The mail delivered to the Adriatic yesterday was placed aboard the flying boat at the Columbia Yacht Club, at Eighty-sixth Street and Coney River. The mail sack was enclosed in a special waterproof bag.

Piloted by C. J. Zimmerman, the flying boat arose off the yacht club landing and made a speedy flight across the Bay. With Zimmerman was his mechanic, Richard Greisinger.

The flying boat overtook the Adriatic just as she was pulling out of the Ambrose Channel. After circling around the liner a few times, Zimmerman came down to within fifty feet of the ship's masts and dropped the mail bag.

A steel cable had been stretched between the peaks of the Adriatic's fore and main masts specially for this experiment. On the flying boat a flexible cable, 200 feet long, suitably weighted at one end, had been attached to the mail bag. A special form of shock absorber was included in this cable in order to lessen the tremendous shock expected from the landing of a 100-pound mail sack.

How Trick Was Done

As Zimmerman came down he released the free end of the flexible cable. Then, carefully judging his distance, he drew back his arm and let the mail bag's course. As the flying boat cut across the liner's bows the cable, which was dangling out at an acute angle in the wind, struck the wire stretched be-

500 N. J. Liquor Licenses Void by Judge's Ruling

Swayze Sets One Aside, Holding Attempted Grand Violates Federal Law

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 14.—Pointing out the conflict between the provisions of liquor licenses and the Federal prohibition law, Justice Swayze decided to-day in the Supreme Court that the law must prevail.

The decision was rendered in the case of Hugh Meehan, of 656 Ocean Avenue, Jersey City, whose license, obtained from that city, purported to give him the right to sell liquor until July 1, 1920. The New Jersey Anti-Saloon League opposed the action of the city in granting the license.

The setting aside of Meehan's license automatically nullifies more than 500 licenses granted in this state since July 1. An appeal probably will be taken from his decision.

"It is clear," said Justice Swayze, "that the sale which the license purports to authorize is a violation of Federal legislation unless the power which the license appears to grant is subject to the laws regulating the sale. But the laws regulating the sale are very different from laws prohibiting the sale. As to distilled spirits, prohibition is absolute, while the license purports to authorize the sale of spirits."

There is a plain conflict between the terms of the license and the Federal legislation, and the latter must control."

Death of Man In Hotel Room Puzzles Police

One of Two Who Registered Early in Morning After Advance Payment Is Missing; No Clew Is Found

Slight Wound on Body

Medical Examiner Mystified, but Will Hold Autopsy to Solve McAlpin Mystery

An unidentified man was found dead in room 1597 of the Hotel McAlpin at 3:30 yesterday afternoon.

He is believed to be one of the two men who registered at the hotel at 2 o'clock yesterday morning. Their signatures on the registration sheet, although almost illegible, were deciphered as P. J. Pourve and C. E. Landon, both of New York. They had no baggage, and on payment of \$10 in advance they were assigned to room 1597.

Which of the two is the dead man is a mystery. The other has disappeared.

The only mark indicating violence found upon the body is a laceration over the left eye. The face was covered with a towel soaked in blood, apparently from the forehead. The police have it is a case of homicide, although the only visible wound does not seem sufficient to have caused death.

Was Taller of Pair

The dead man was identified by the clerk who registered the pair as the taller of the two. He does not recall which name the tall man signed. The dead man is about five feet seven inches in height.

It seemed to the clerk that the two were intoxicated. The voice of the tall man was thick as he asked for the room and paid \$10.

As they left the elevator and turned down the hall to go to the room one shouted "Squads right!" The other laughingly obeyed.

Neither was seen after this until 3:30 in the afternoon, when the body was found, intended to clean up the room. She saw a man lying on top of the blankets, with a towel over his face, and immediately called Oscar Ostson, a house detective.

Ostson found that the man was dead, and notified the police.

A squad of twenty-five detectives, headed by Inspector John J. Gray, head of the Detective Bureau, immediately went to the hotel.

No Money on Body

No money was found upon the body, and, according to the night clerk, the man had showed no money when he registered except that with which he paid for the room. His only piece of jewelry was a small gold ring bearing a Japanese design.

He wore underwear like that issued by the United States army, and around his waist was a khaki-colored web belt with the insignia "Q. M. C." A hat was found in the room bearing the mark of a store on Amsterdam Avenue, in the Washington Heights district. He was in civilian clothes.

Gustave Demmon, chief house detective, said that he believed he had seen the dead man, in uniform around the hotel.

"I recollect the face, but I can't place it," he said. "He was not a regular patron of the hotel, but I think I have seen him somewhere. The face is connected in my mind with a soldier's uniform, and I have no doubt that the man had just been mustered out."

"His shoes, which are additional indication that he had just been discharged."

Cause of Death Mystery

Assistant Medical Examiner George Hohman, who examined the body, was unable to say what had caused death. Chief Medical Examiner, who was also present. The body was taken to the morgue, where an autopsy will be performed to-day.

No one was found who saw the missing man leave the hotel. The police declare they have no clew by which to locate him. The names of both men were sent to the Bureau of Missing Persons to-day.

When the body was found it had on neither collar nor socks. The room was not disarranged, and no trace of a struggle was visible.

The dead man had black hair, gray eyes and a long upper lip. He wore a blue serge suit, brown oxford shoes and a purple linen shirt with a black stripe.

Conference to Form New Party to Meet

Allen McCurdy, of the Committee of Forty-eight, the new party of liberals and independents, said yesterday that the nation-wide conference being arranged has been postponed till December next. It was intended to hold the conference in October. Formal announcement of the date for the conference, together with the aims of the new organization, will be made on September 15. The change of date from October to December was made necessary, it was said yesterday at the headquarters of the Committee of Forty-eight, 15 East Fortieth Street, by the unexpectedly widespread response to the original call for the conference, especially within the last thirty days. The committee has a membership drive under way.

The promoters of the December conference believe that by that time sentiment will be ripe for an amalgamation of all the more important independent and liberal political bodies in the United States for the Presidential campaign of 1920. Neither the Non-partisan League, for the time being, nor the National Civil Liberties Bureau, will try to have the ball reduced as soon as Justice Weeks returns from out of town.

A Assistant District Attorney Rorke said that his office was further investigating the activities of Alonen and Paivo.

Bail Too High for Alleged Anarchist; Jail

Carl Paivo, arrested in Detroit on Wednesday on a charge of criminal anarchy, and brought to New York yesterday by Detective Edward Cooper, was committed to the Tombs on an order signed by Justice Weeks. The Extraordinary Term of the Supreme Court for the prosecution of criminal anarchists, Paivo, who is of Finnish extraction, like Gustave Alonen, indicted on a similar charge and also committed to the Tombs, was locked up in default of \$25,000 bail. His counsel, Walter L. Nelles, of the National Civil Liberties Bureau, will try to have the bail reduced as soon as Justice Weeks returns from out of town.

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This is August 15!
The weather today will probably be partly cloudy.

There they are, the pretty cows

coming down the roadway at the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains—Holsteins, Durhams and Alderneys.

Standing on the bridge over the creek, close by the mineral springs, one seems to be looking at a real Troyan cattle painting, true to life.

The old colored man, with an Uncle Remus face, the master keeper of the herd, is leading his flock away from the sun-parched fields to the fresher pasture grounds. He says he "bees getting old," but his fine, big, benevolent eyes keep close watch on each member of his four-footed, long-eared family, and he talks to them, calling their names.

The same old handsome Holstein cow is still the leader, heading the seventeen cows, who, dumb as they are, nearly always follow.

The other morning one of the handsome black beauties lingered behind for some time. Old Billy hobbled up to her and said: "Bessie, what's you about, anyhow? 'ces you 'specting any body? Ain't you 'shamed? Yure just a bad old girl!"

Blessings on our caretakers, be they black or white, who are doing their best to help us along safely.

(Signed)

John Wanamaker
August 15, 1919.

Frequent bus service between 7th ave. Subway at Christopher street (Sheridan Square) and the Store.

Week-end sweets—special

Delicious assortment of sweets—chocolate, marshmallows, mints, pastilles, coconut caramels, Turkish paste—special at 80c a box, today, on the Main Aisle, Old Building, and Eighth Gallery, New Building.

Baronet Satin ribbon

One-inch wide, 35c yard.

Trinket ribbon

One-inch wide, 30c yard. Main floor, Old Building.

Girls' taffeta frocks

Three new models in green, brown, navy and Copenhagen blue. \$15.00 and \$16.50. Second floor, Old Building.

New husbands for old

Another *Anatomik* story from real life:

"You have given me a new husband," said a lady recently.

"How is that?" we asked.

"Well, it was this way," she replied. "My husband is a dentist, and he has to stand long hours every day. For the last three years he has been troubled with his feet. Finally they got so bad that it was with difficulty that he could attend his patients. His suffering upset him to such an extent that we had no social life at all, and he was almost unbearable. He certainly was hard to live with. One day a lady patient noticed that he was in trouble and asked him if he were ill. When she learned the cause of his suffering she showed him a pair of shoes she was wearing, and advised him to try the same kind."

They were *Anatomik* Shoes

He came to Wanamaker's and got a pair of *Anatomiks*, and the result has been just as I said, "I have got a new husband."

To produce the *Anatomik* shoe has been the life work of Dr. Cole, an orthopedic physician.

Dr. Cole discovered long ago that simply giving advice would not suffice. He also learned that shoemakers would not make his patients' shoes the way he wanted them made. So he fixed up a workshop in the basement of his house and developed the *Anatomik*.

Then his patients' friends wanted *Anatomiks* and other doctors wanted their patients to get them. Soon the *Anatomik* Footwear Company had to come, fulfilling the needs for sane, safe and scientific footwear.

Anatomik Shoes are here ready to wear for men, women and children.

Each pair has its trade mark and you cannot go wrong. *Anatomik* shoes provide for a proper distribution of the body weight throughout the foot.

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Women's and Children's—First floor, Old Building.

Men's, Boys—Burlington Arcade floor, New Building.

1,100 pairs Silk stockings at \$1.65

Because of very slight imperfections, a small stain, or a flaw in the weave that you would never notice. Otherwise they would be \$2, \$2.50 and \$3.

They are full-fashioned, plain or drop-stitched, some with mock seam leg and seamless foot, with mercerized sole, sole and heel, some all-silk with cotton toe and heel; in black, white, Havana brown; all sizes in the lot, but not in each style.

Main Aisle, Old Building.

Paris modes in Millinery

may now be had by visiting the Millinery Salons. The smart hats that were worn at the recent Paris race have been studied for us by our special commissioner and reproduced in our work-rooms.

New shapes, new materials, new trimmings for Autumn.

First floor, Old Building.

In the Advance Sale of Winter Furs

—our prices are 20 per cent. below the prices that will prevail here after September 13. All the new 1919-20 styles are in the sale. All the good dyed and natural furs.

Choose now, deposit 25 per cent. of price, and we will store your purchase free until November 1st. Fur Salons—

Second floor, Old Building.

Vestees

and collars of Jeanne d'Arc

This new fibre and metal thread fabric is effectively used on an excellent collar and vestee, by combining it with shimmering Baronne satin; in beige, blue and orchid; \$10.50.

Collar and cuff sets of Jeanne d'Arc fabric are lined and faced with silk in the same colors; \$7.50. Main floor, Old Bldg.

Charming ribbons

The Ribbon Store is featuring charming new inch-wide ribbons; in delightful new colors and color combinations.

Picot edged

55c yard; in combination of different colors on either side; in peach and yellow, blue and pink, taupe and duck blue, purple and gold.

Less expensive, yet very attractive—

Satin two-tone

¾-inch, 30c yard; in rose and French blue, light blue and rose, navy and vivid green; black and Alice blue, taupe and green.

Baronet Satin ribbon

One-inch wide, 35c yard.

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Still more furniture enters the August Sale

New Carloads, just arrived, have replenished the stock of dining-room furniture, which was almost exhausted by the unusual demands made upon it. More bedroom furniture has also arrived.

Bedroom suites

\$1,424.50 for a \$1,583 eight-piece walnut and gold bedroom suite of Louis XVI. design, consisting of a full-sized bow-end bedstead, dresser with hanging mirror, chiffonier, dressing table, night table, chair, rocker and bench.

\$1,018.75 for a \$2,037 eleven-piece mahogany bedroom suite of Louis XVI. design, consisting of a cane panel twin bedstead, dresser, chiffonier, dressing table, night table, chair, rocker and bench.

\$714 for a \$1,071 seven-piece mahogany suite of Queen Anne type, consisting of full-sized bedstead, dresser, chiffonier, dressing table, night table, chair and rocker.

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\$899 for a \$1,199 ten-piece mahogany dining room suite, Sheraton design, consisting of buffet, china cabinet, serving table, extension table, 6 side and 2 arm chairs.

\$2,150 for a \$2,867 twelve-piece mahogany dining room suite, Renaissance design, consisting of buffet, china cabinet, serving table, extension table, 6 side and 2 arm chairs.

Sixth Gallery, New Building.

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Main floor, Old Building.

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500 now \$2.95 to \$4.50; were \$3.75 to \$6.75; twenty models in cotton gabardine and cordeline of good quality, well tailored, with a clever "swing."

Capes and dolmans

75 now \$25 and \$29.50; were \$29.50 to \$35; serge and tricotine of excellent quality, very well made. For women.

15 long knit wool capes with brushed wool collars, now \$25; were \$29.50.

Young women's frocks

Striped sport silk, organdie, plain voiles, voile combinations; linen, line and voile; street and sport models; now \$7.50 to \$35; were \$12.50 to \$42.50.

Women's silk dresses, \$19.50

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Fifteen models, and only one or two of each, so that no one is in danger of constantly seeing the same dress on others.

Materials are Georgette crepe, plain and figured crepe de chine, foulard, Chma silk.

Two of the models are for mourning wear.

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A sale for women, young women, and girls